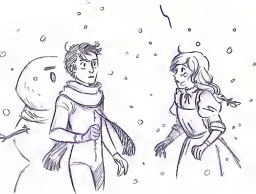


Uh...

Good
morning, Cati.



A-Andreas...



I'd like to talk
to you, but I don't
want to bother you if
you have guests...

What
guests?



I mean the
gentleman who was
singing a drinking song
a moment ago.

G-gentleman?



I admire his enthusiasm,
but with such a husky and
off-key voice I'd advise him not
to sing that out loud.

I see...

Well, it's not a
guest, it's... uh... my
neighbour. His
house is very close
to mine.



Anyway,
what did you
want to talk
about?



Well, I thought
that maybe you
would like to...



That we
could...





Why, this
snowman...

Is this...
is this *me*?



What?!

No!
Of course
not!





You made
it with a
mustache...

Seeing me without
mine is disappointing
for you, isn't it?

What? I
didn't even
notice!

Besides,
it's not you
at all!



Am I ugly
this way?

You think
I'm ugly.



Oh, *please!*
You know that I
don't and have
never thought
that.



And I repeat:
the snowman has
nothing to do
with you.

And I
haven't been
thinking about
you nor the
Christmas
party.





Listen,
Cati!

I'll pick
you up tomorrow
at four o'clock!

We'll go for
a stroll! And tea!
And we'll talk,
ok?

Talk about
what?!



About
what??

Well, about...
everything! I
mean, I don't
know, the
usual.

We can't
continue like
this, don't
you agree?



O-of course
I agree!

Four o'clock!
I'll be right
here!



I'll see you
tomorrow
then.

Isn't it weird
how warm the
weather is?

Good
day!



Good...
day...





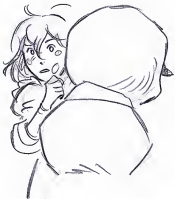
Stupid
snowman!
Everything went
wrong!

It's your fault
that he thinks
I'm nuts!



Gasp!

?



Miss
Herrick?

Oh, hello,
Miss Abbott!



I was passing
by and...

I didn't
hear
anything!

And I'm not
going to tell
anyone
either!!!



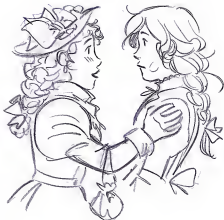
Well, nothing
extraordinary
happened.

The snowman's
not alive, so that
punch didn't
hurt him.

And
regarding
Doctor
Marino...



You are so
mature! If something
like that happened to
me, I'd be crying
in joy!



Miss Herrick,
Doctor Marino came
to tell me that he
wants to talk to me
tomorrow.



I guess he
has been doing
research on
certain...

... *situations* that
have recently
happened.

He probably
has some
theories to
share.



I thought I told
you that I'm
only interested
in one particular
person, Miss
Abbott.

There's no
point in
pretending
with me!



I heard the
doctor invite
you for tea and
a stroll!

Yes, to
talk and—



Of course
to talk, Miss
Abbott!

**To talk
about his
feelings!!**

Doctor
Marino asked
you on a date!



Pff
What?

It's not a
date, that's
not what
we...

We
don't...



I get it-
thinking he might
do something like
that is too hard to
believe.

His sudden interest
is so unprompted that I
would hardly believe it
myself had I not just
seen it!

Well...



He's so
inscrutable!

And he appears
by your house,
out of the blue,
to ask you on a
date!

And with
that *indecent*
outfit...



No more
indecent than
usual, I think.

The man
certainly knows how
to attract attention,
doesn't he?



Heavens!!!

You... you
are in love
with him!

How is it
that I, being so
perceptive,
haven't realized
it before now?



Ah... that's
a strong word,
Miss Herrick!

I admit
that... I enjoy the
company of the
doctor, but-



Oh, my dear Miss
Abbott! I wish you
the best of luck!

Everybody said
that you were a rare
breed, but I never
believed them!

Wind?

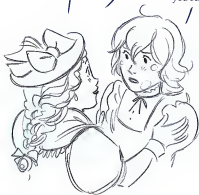


Why aren't
you happier?

The gentleman
you're interested
in has asked you
on a date!

It's a pity
he caught you
*in such sloppy
attire*, but
nobody is
perfect.

But are
you sure?



Isn't it strange
that he didn't
mention anything
about-I don't know-the
opera or a fancy
restaurant...?

That's where
normal people
go on a date.



Well, dear,
this is a small
town.

You wouldn't
want to drive two
hours to the next
city's theatre,
right?

No, haha.
no, of course
not.



I must go, my dear
friend, but I'll come back
very soon to hear all the
details of your big date.
Have a lot of fun!

And make your
best effort with
your appearance,
please!



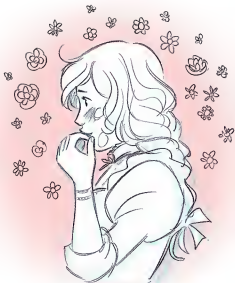
A
date...

Well, I didn't
expect *this*.



Maybe his
brain has melted
because of this
heat wave...







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